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Serial No.: 10/017,965 : Examiner: Paul E. Callahan  
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For: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, :  
METHOD OF FORMING LASER :  
MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, :  
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, :  
OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD :  
OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK :

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TITLE

has made an invention entitled: MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK and has executed an application for Letters Patent of the United States concurrently herewith;

WHEREAS, the ASSIGNEE, comprising the following named company:

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1. MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.  
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is desirous of acquiring the entire interest in and to said invention and the Letters Patent to be obtained therefor,

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Assignment is executed on the day indicated below.

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